

REMARKS

Prior Claims 10-35 and added Claims 36-48 are pending. New Claims 36, 37 and 38, respectively correspond to Claims 1, 2 and 4 in the parent application. New Claims 39-48 respectively correspond to Claims 5-14 in the parent application. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

As discussed with Examiner Covington and SPE Rotman, added Claims 36-48 correspond to Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 allowed in the parent application, except that the subject matter of Claims 36-38, which corresponds to Claims 1, 2 and 4 in the parent application, has been revised as shown in the unentered Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 in the parent application. No double patenting issues are raised by this supplemental amendment, because Claims 36-38 are not of the same scope as the claims allowed in the parent application and, as suggested, a terminal disclaimer is herewith submitted over the patent issuing from the parent application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants attach an Information Disclosure Statement citing U.S. Patent 6,391,915, which corresponds to WO 98 41497, which has already been cited during prosecution, see Form 1449, dated January 31, 2002. Consideration and return of the attached Form 1449 is respectfully requested.

Terminal Disclaimer

As discussed, Applicants attach herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,495,546.

CONCLUSION

In view of the nature of the amendments above, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Add new Claims 36-48:

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